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CONVERTER AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE
SAME

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in Reply to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2002.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-15 drawn to a distinct invention without
prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend the claims as follows: